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**Title:** Method and Apparatus for Preventing Un-Authorized Attachment of Computer Peripherals

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following papers related to the above-identified patent application:

- Transmittal Letter
- Amendment

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3), please treat this and any concurrent or future reply in this application that requires a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Respectfully,  
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